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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1912.

The Commissioners' Excise Bill.
The excise measure prepared by the District Commissioners, and offered in the Senate yesterday as a substitute for the Works bill, will meet with strong support from Washington. It covers local needs in a sane, conservative fashion. If it is not passed at the present session of Congress, there will be distinct disappointment among those who deplore the present excise middle in the city.

The City Beautiful.
The annual war against filth and those distressing conditions most cities find themselves in with the disappearance of snow and frost is upon us, although the date officially decided upon is April 15. It is rather a disgrace to think the people of a city like Washington, which has the reputation of being the most beautiful in the United States, should allow their backyards, or any other place, to become the dumping ground of the winter's refuse. Every day should be clean-up day.

Mothers Organize.
The Mothers' Protective Association has been formed in a small city of Illinois and its very title indicates that it must be good and will be copied in other sections. The motive of this organization is one that appeals to the father as well as to the mother, for its purpose is to investigate the character and habits of the young men who later on may be members of their own family. They have a right to know what kind of a man on whom the happiness of their daughter depends. They should have the right to judge the fitness of the prospective son-in-law to assume the responsibilities of married life.

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The Illinois association of mothers intends to find out whether the particular young man who calls as a suitor smokes cigarettes, drinks, swears, or has any other bad habits. If he does, a black mark is put against him. If, on the other

hand, he keeps the woodbox full, takes his mother to church or prayer meeting, he is given full credit.
The father, if he should undertake such a job in investigating the character of the girls, would have an easy task as long as he didn't do anything. Just as soon as he began asking questions, it is extremely likely he would be making tracks for the front door.

Down here on the banks of the Potomac the girls have a habit of picking their own company and just announcing to "the folks" that they are engaged to the one they are in love with. They would hardly stop to study the result of any investigation, but follow what they believed to be the dictates of their own hearts.

The End of a Long Controversy.
Artist and layman alike will breathe a sigh of relief over the culmination of the prolonged and tedious warfare regarding the Lincoln memorial site. While the Congressional memorial commission has not officially announced its decision, it is pretty certain it will coincide in the findings of the Fine Arts Commission—that is, to select Potomac Park as the place where the memorial peristyle should be erected.

Police and Fire Pensions.
The House of Representatives now has an opportunity to do justice to the retired policemen and firemen and to the widows and orphans of the men whose lives were lost in the line of duty. The bill providing adequate revenues for the pension fund has been reported to the House. It should promptly pass. For many months the beneficiaries of the fund have been deprived of a large proportion of the small amounts which they are allotted, and much distress has been occasioned thereby.

FROM THE EXCHANGES.
There's Wilson to Beat.
From the Chattanooga News.
In the West it's Clark vs. Wilson; in the East it's Harmon vs. Wilson; in the South it's Underwood vs. Wilson. Everywhere, Wilson is considered the strong man to be beaten.

WILEY OUT!
Big Stick Withdraws Support at the Doc's Request.
We deeply regret the necessity of taking this step, especially as our April Fool's Day is so admirably being celebrated. It is our duty to advise you that we have withdrawn our support from the Big Stick. We are sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result. We are sure that you will understand our position.

A MIRTHFUL SENATE.
Respectfully dedicated to Dr. William M. Davidson, our old schoolmate.
An automobile I thought I had until a day ago. The Senator said "was needed bad, and I, forward, thought on." They killed me on my way and hope. Then came the awful deed. A Duke's appropriation for MY AUTOMOBILE KNOCKED OUT.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.
VERY ANNOYING.
When I write verse and sneer at spring, or chitly odes indite, The next day doesn't do a thing but come out warm and bright.

Which goes to show, it seems to me, oh, fellow-humans who sing, That meth, however smart they be, can never gauge the spring!

Uncle Pennywise Says:
England invests in two war ships for every one that her neighbors buy. That's the way my wife likes to buy groins.

High Prates.
"We saw Vesuvius in action while abroad."
"Impossible, no doubt?"
"I never saw anything more impressive in vaudeville, and I've seen all the big acts."

March 30, 1863—Henry VIII gets his first sex shampoo.
March 30, 1785—Dr. Johnson pawns his clarinet. He has to eat.

Busy at Bridge.
"Miss Mabel, I should like to speak to you."
"Just a minute."
"I should like to ask you to be my wife."
"Are you interrupting the bridge game, Mr. Wombat. Wait until I'm dumpy."

One Opinion.
This sunshine work's a noble thing. But for this work, the claim I bring That often we would never see A bit of sunshine during spring!

Works Both Ways.
"Take us some time to train a girl," remarked the head of the large department store.
"And then you lose a lot of girls through marriage."
"Yet, but things even up. A lot of girls get tired of their husbands and come back to us."

Sparing for Time.
"Hubby, you promised me a handsome spring dress."
"I know I did, but first let's see if we are going to have a spring."

In London.
"I fear you are losing interest in the cause."
"Why?"
"I see you constantly with a young man."
"His name is not your name?"
"No, he's a professional businessman."

Speaking of Colds.
From the Manchester Union.
This is precisely what fully two-thirds of the people in this part of the country seem to be doing at this particular time of year and under such weather conditions as have obtained for the last few weeks. This morning the New Englander who can sound a nasal letter clearly and unobstructedly is apt to be an object of envy among his or her associates. There appears to be no escape from the suggestion of a cold. It is even said to be told by Dr. J. B. Huber, in the New York Medical Journal, that colds seem to be the exclusive privilege of civilization; that the human race did not suffer much until it began to build houses and to wear clothes, and that an essential element in the catching of colds has been the disturbance of equilibrium in the body through entrance into low temperatures without the house. The fact remains that the human race, or that portion of it which is found in this latitude, does build houses and wear clothes, and that it finds houses and clothes indispensable, even when winter is engaged in so mild an occupation as lingering in the lap of spring.

Not for Tired Business Men.
From the Detroit Free Press.
"How did you like the sermon this morning?"
"Very heavy. Our minister seems to forget that he is preaching to tired business men who haven't the time or inclination to follow a plot."

Pride.
From Judge.
As we wander along through this vale of tears, It is plain, among other things, That no song is as sweet to a donkey's ears As the song that the donkey sings.

HINTS ON GARDENING.
VI. LAST INSTRUCTIONS.
By GEORGE FITCH
Author of "At Good Old Slaws!"

When the young plants have begun a sturdy growth, the busy season for their master begins in earnest. He must encourage and assist them with propping, trellising, and crutches, while they are climbing the golden stair. The tomato is weak and nervous and must be held up with a wooden frame, so that the birds can get at the ripening fruit more conveniently. The peas must be trellised, and the beans must be poled. The bean is a very enthusiastic climber, frequently devoting itself so exclusively to the exercise that it forgets to pod. Select a long, well-seasoned pole, and coil the young plant around it. It will soon become so attached to the pole that it will refuse to leave it even for marriage.



Letting Close, Anyhow.
From the Detroit Free Press.
"Are you a candidate for the office?" asked Diogenes.
"I am," was the reply.
"And you are not merely permitting your name to be used because you have become convinced that there is an inherent demand on the part of the people that you should accept the responsibility of public service?"
"No."
"Then you are really making a campaign for votes?"
"Surely, I want the job. It looks like a soft snap to me, and I want the salary. I'll be glad to get it all back if I am elected."

A Bad Opening.
From Lynn's Post.
Impersonating a pastor (endeavoring to make himself agreeable to Miss Angela's papa)—that a charming place you have here, Mr. Oldman. Does it go all the way to that grove over there?
"Synonymous papa-it does."
"Is it—And all the way to that stone wall in the distance on the side?"
"U. P.—It does. And it goes all the way to the creek on the south, and all the way to the state road on the north; but, Mr. Youngman, it does not go with my daughter, Angela."

WHAT THEY NEVER SAY.
(Holding the April Foolishness of certain prominent politicians.)
Over King Dario—The self-proclaimed king of the world, who got the people last summer as in the matter.
The Rev. Vernon—The self-proclaimed pastor of the church, who got the people last summer as in the matter.
Fulton B. Jackson—M. Champ Clark had's allied with Harmon and Underwood, Wendell Wilson would say so.

LOCAL NOTES.
Spring time—almost time for the libraries of the city have experienced much trouble because of the failure of some persons to return books. The report states that laws similar to the proposed one are now in effect in New York and Massachusetts. In these two States the law provides that any person who keeps a library book for thirty days in addition to the period for which it was loaned shall be fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$5, or be imprisoned for six months.
The District officials state that while it would not be necessary to prosecute many persons in the District under the proposed act, the law would be beneficial because of its moral influence. The bill has received the indorsement of the board of trustees of the Public Library.

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FASHION HINT.
Don't cross Fourteenth street and New York avenue on a rainy day.
WILLIAM HIRDS.

THE JUDICIAL FISHER.
Being Judge Daniel T. Wright's idea of landing fish.
Sumbless.
Fish Run.
Happy as can be.
Dove-line.
Get along.
I saw a dove.

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